ILO Discussion on Hiring Workers on Part Time Basis

2496. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ILO conference held in the month of June, 1993 discussed the increase in hiring of workers on a part time basis in the industrialised world; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion and the reaction of Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The 80th Session of the International Labour Conference, held in Geneva in June 1993, *inter alia* had on its agenda the first discussion on Part-time Work. The discussion was held with a view to adopting one or more international instruments on Part-time Work.

(b) The Government of India supported the adoption of an ILO recommendation on the subject, suggesting at the same time that standards for part-time workers should be so designed as to make it a balanced instrument of employment generation.

The Conference decided to adopt ILO Convention and Recommendation on Part-time Work at the second discussion in 1994.

Pension to Workers in Unorganised Sector

2497. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to award pension to all workers in the unorganised sector after they reach age of sixty years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to extend a Pension Plan for the workers of the unorganised sector after they reach 60 years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) Government has decided to introduce a suitable Pension Scheme for all the EPF subscribers employed in any sector of employment w.e.f. 1-4-1993. However, there is no proposal to award pension to all workers in the unorganised sector.

Setting up of Craft Institute for Construction Industry

2498. SHRI V.HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Craft Training Institute, especially related to the construction industry in the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance is proposed to be given to the States to set up craft training institute to train less educated people in masonry and carpentry;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of skilled workers in the above categories due to migration of such labour overseas; and

(e) what steps are being taken to extend assistance to the States in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Labour for setting up of Craft Training Institute especially related to the construction industry. However, the trades of Plumber, Mason (Building Constructor), Carpenter etc. have been designated under National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) which are related to construction industry.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) and (e) As per the information available as on 31st March, 1989, no such vacancy was reported to be unfilled on account of non-availability of suitable applicants.

Handicapped Persons Registered with Employment Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2499. SHRI NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of handicapped persons registered so far in various employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of them who have been provided with employment during the last two years;

(c) whether the reservation quota for the handicapped is filled up; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?